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REF: (A) CARACAS 4065, (B) DOHA 0511, (C) KUWAIT 2185.

1. ARRIVING LATE APRIL 23 AND LEAVING EARLY APRIL 25,
VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, ACCOMPANIED
BY FOREIGN MINISTER SALOM AND ENERGY AND MINES MINISTER
HERNANDEZ, PLUS ADVISORS AND AN INFORMATION DELEGATION,
HAD ESSENTIALLY ONE WORKING DAY IN KUWAIT. MUCH OF VISIT

WAS TAKEN UP IN CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS, STATE DINNER EVENING APRIL 23, VISIT TO KUWAIT OIL CO. INSTALLATION (IN THE MIDDLE OF A SAND STORM). BESIDES CALLS BY VENEZUELAN PARTY ON AMIR AND KUWAITI MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF OIL, PARTY HAD ONE WORKING MEETING WITH KUWAITI COUNTERPARTS FOLLOWING WORKING DINNER GIVEN BY CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER JABER AL-AHMAD.

2. COMMUNIQUE (CARRIED BY FBIS) CARRIED NO SURPRISES. TWO SIDES "DECIDED TO GO AHEAD IN THE STUDY OF THE PROSPECTS OF COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AGRICULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, COMMERCIAL AND PETROCHEMICAL FIELDS." THEY "EMPHASIZED THAT A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE REGION SHOULD BE BASED ON A TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" AND THEY "EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY POSITIVE MEASURES TO REACH TANGIBLE RESULTS" AT THE FORTHCOMING CIEC MEETING. DISCUSSION OF COMMUNIQUE WAS PROTRACTED; VISITING GOK AMB TO US AND VENEZUELA KHALID JAAFAR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT VENEZUELANS KEPT THEIR HOSTS UP ALL NIGHT UNTIL 0700 APRIL 25 TALKING OVER WORDING, AND THAT THESE TALKS DEALT WITH "POLITICAL MATTERS" (PRESUMABLY COMMUNIQUE'S HANDLING OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.) COMMENT: WE KNOW FROM MFA CONTACT THAT VENEZUELAN WILLINGNESS TO ENDORSE "TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL" AND "RESTORATION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" PLEASED KUWAITI HOSTS. WE NOTE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO MENTION IN COMMUNIQUE OF PLO, AND SPECULATE THAT VENEZUELANS MAY HAVE BALKED AT ENDORSING PLO AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS. END COMMENT.

3. AS PRESIDENT PEREZ INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR (REF C), HE WAS NOT SEEKING TO NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE OF THE TWO-TIER OIL PRICE INCREASE AND, INDEED, DESPITE SOME LOCAL SPECULATION, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT HE PRESENTED ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. IN ANY EVENT, VENEZUELA AND KUWAIT ARE ON THE SAME MODERATE WAVELENGTH ON THIS SUBJECT. AS OIL UNDERSECRETARY AL-ADASANI TOLD US: "THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KUWAIT AND VENEZUELA ON OIL PRICES. THE IMPORTANT STOP FOR PRESIDENT PEREZ IS HIS NEXT ONE, SAUDI ARABIA." MAESTRONE

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